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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

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FROM : Acting Chief, FDB

SUBJECT: FDB Monthly Progress Report - July 1949

1. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

a. Procurement of Soviet Publications Through Special Sources

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Two air shipments of USSR provincial press publications representing 111 items were received by Foreign Documents Branch [] during July. Three lots of USSR periodicals were acquired for the Branch through "special" sources during the same period.

b. Procurement Arrangements with the Library of Congress

out Special arrangements have been made with the Library of Congress and the CIA Library to permit direct borrowing of publications from the South East Asia Section, Library of Congress, by Foreign Documents Branch. This arrangement is necessary to ensure timely exploitation of available publications from the area.

2. Accomplishments

a. Coordination of Exploitation and Translation Activities

The Exploitation Committee composed of representatives from CIA and the IAC agencies submitted the following major recommendations to Chief, Foreign Documents Branch for official IAC concurrence:

- (1) The Central Intelligence Agency should assume responsibility for overall coordination of exploitation of foreign language documents and to perform necessary exploitation centrally.
- (2) A permanent Foreign Documents Exploitation Committee should be established to assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the exploitation program.
- (3) Appropriate instruction and directives should be formulated embodying the recommendations outlined.

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